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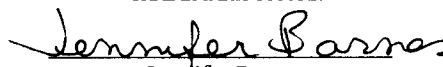
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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 10, 2007, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments, beginning on page 2,
2. Amendments and Listing of Claims, beginning on page 3, and
3. Remarks, beginning on page 5.

The following document is also enclosed with this response:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal.

Authorization for payment of the extension fee and RCE fee is included. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and notify us of the same.